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Election of members of the functional commissions of the Council

Note by the Secretary-General

1. In accordance with section V of Economic and Social Council resolution 557 C (XVIII) of 5 August 1954, as amended by the Council's decision of 19 December 1968, the Secretary-General sent a note verbale to Member States informing them of the forthcoming vacancies in the functional commissions to be filled by the Council at its resumed organizational session for 2002 (29 and 30 April 2002).

2. Under the terms of Council resolution 1147 (XLI) of 4 August 1966, in 2002 the members of the Commission on Population and Development, the Commission for Social Development, the Commission on Human Rights, the Commission on the Status of Women, the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice, the Commission on Sustainable Development and the Commission on Science and Technology for Development are to be elected on the basis of equitable geographical distribution according to a specified pattern. The Secretary-General, in the annex to his note verbale, indicated the pattern applicable to each of those commissions.

3. The current membership of the functional commissions is given in the annex below. The number of members to be elected to each commission from each regional group is also indicated.

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Annex

Membership of the functional commissions in 2002

Statistical Commission

(24 members; four-year term)

Five members from African States

Algeria (2005), Ghana (2005), Morocco (2003), South Africa (2005), Uganda (2003)

Four members from Asian States

China (2003), India (2004), Japan (2004), Pakistan (2003)

Four members from Eastern European States

Czech Republic (2004), Hungary (2003), Romania (2003), Russian Federation (2005)

Four members from Latin American and Caribbean States[a]

Jamaica (2004), Mexico (2004), Peru (2003)

Seven members from Western European and other States

Denmark (2005), France (2004), Greece (2004), New Zealand (2005), Spain (2005), United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland (2004), United States of America (2003)

[a] There is one vacancy in this group for a member whose term would begin on the date of election and expire on 31 December 2005.

Commission on Population and Development

(47 members; four-year term)

Twelve members from African States

Algeria (2003), Botswana (2005), Burundi* (2002), Cameroon (2004), Egypt (2004), Gambia (2005), Ghana (2004), Guinea* (2002), Kenya (2003), Nigeria (2005), Uganda (2003), Zambia (2005)

Eleven members from Asian States[a]

Bangladesh (2004), China (2005), Indonesia (2004), Iran (Islamic Republic of)* (2002), Japan (2003), Malaysia (2004), Pakistan (2003), Yemen* (2002)

Five members from Eastern European States

Belarus (2003), Croatia* (2002), Lithuania (2004), Poland (2005), Russian Federation (2005)

Nine members from Latin American and Caribbean States[b]

Brazil (2003), Chile* (2002), Haiti* (2002), Jamaica (2005), Mexico (2005), Nicaragua (2005), Peru (2004)

Ten members from Western European and other States

Austria (2004), Belgium (2004), Germany (2004), France (2003), Ireland (2005), Italy* (2002), Netherlands (2003), Norway (2005), Turkey (2004), United States of America (2005)

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Eight members are to be elected according to the following pattern:

Two members from African States;
Two members from Asian States;
One member from Eastern European States;
Two members from Latin American and Caribbean States;
One member from Western European and other States.

* Retiring member.

[a] There are three vacancies in this group for members whose terms would begin on the date of election and expire on 31 December 2005.

[b] There are two vacancies in this group for members whose terms would begin on the date of election and expire on 31 December 2004.

Commission for Social Development

(46 members; four-year term)

Twelve members from African States

Algeria* (2002), Benin (2003), Comoros (2004), Gabon (2004), Ghana (2003), Guinea* (2002), Morocco* (2002), Nigeria (2003), South Africa (2004), Sudan (2003), Swaziland* (2002), United Republic of Tanzania (2004)

Ten members from Asian States

Bangladesh (2004), China (2004), Democratic People's Republic of Korea* (2002), Indonesia (2003), Iran (Islamic Republic of)* (2002), Japan (2003), Kazakhstan (2004), Republic of Korea (2003), Thailand* (2002), Viet Nam (2004)

Five members from Eastern European States

Belarus (2003), Bulgaria (2004), Croatia* (2002), Czech Republic (2004), Russian Federation (2003)

Nine members from Latin American and Caribbean States

Argentina* (2002), Dominican Republic* (2002), Ecuador (2003), El Salvador (2004), Guatemala (2003), Haiti* (2002), Jamaica (2004), Mexico (2004), Peru (2003)

Ten members from Western European and other States

Austria (2004), Denmark (2004), France (2003), Germany (2003), Italy (2004), Spain* (2002), Sweden* (2002), Switzerland (2004), Turkey* (2002), United States of America (2003)

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Fourteen members are to be elected according to the following pattern:

Four members from African States;
Three members from Asian States;
One member from Eastern European States;
Three members from Latin American and Caribbean States;
Three members from Western European and other States.

* Retiring member.

Commission on Human Rights

(53 members; three-year term)

Fifteen members from African States

Algeria (2003), Burundi* (2002), Cameroon (2003), Democratic Republic of the Congo (2003), Kenya (2003), Libyan Arab Jamahiriya (2003), Nigeria* (2002), Senegal (2003), Sierra Leone (2004), South Africa (2003), Sudan (2004), Swaziland* (2002), Togo (2004), Uganda (2004), Zambia* (2002)

Twelve members from Asian States

Bahrain (2004), China* (2002), India (2003), Indonesia* (2002), Japan* (2002), Malaysia (2003), Pakistan (2004), Republic of Korea (2004), Saudi Arabia (2003), Syrian Arab Republic (2003), Thailand (2003), Viet Nam (2003)

Five members from Eastern European States

Armenia (2004), Croatia (2004), Czech Republic* (2002), Poland (2003), Russian Federation (2003)

Eleven members from Latin American and Caribbean States

Argentina* (2002), Brazil* (2002), Chile (2004), Costa Rica (2003), Cuba (2003), Ecuador* (2002), Guatemala (2003), Mexico (2004), Peru (2003), Uruguay (2003), Venezuela (2003)

Ten members from Western European and other States

Austria (2004), Belgium (2003), Canada (2003), France (2004), Germany* (2002), Italy* (2002), Portugal* (2002), Spain* (2002), Sweden (2004), United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland (2003)

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Fifteen members are to be elected according to the following pattern:

Four members from African States;
Three members from Asian States;
One member from Eastern European States;
Three members from Latin American and Caribbean States;
Four members from Western European and other States.

* Retiring member.

Commission on the Status of Women

(45 members; four-year term)

Thirteen members from African States

Benin (2003), Botswana (2005), Burkina Faso (2005), Burundi* (2002), Egypt* (2002), Gabon (2005), Guinea (2004), Malawi (2003), Senegal* (2002), South Africa (2005), Sudan (2005), Tunisia (2004), United Republic of Tanzania (2004)

Eleven members from Asian States

China (2003), Democratic People's Republic of Korea* (2002), Indonesia (2005), Iran (Islamic Republic of) (2005), Japan (2004), Kyrgyzstan (2003), Malaysia (2005), Mongolia* (2002), Pakistan (2004), Republic of Korea (2005), United Arab Emirates (2005)

Four members from Eastern European States

Azerbaijan (2004), Croatia (2003), Lithuania* (2002), Russian Federation* (2002)

Nine members from Latin American and Caribbean States

Argentina (2004), Brazil (2003), Chile (2003), Cuba (2005), Dominican Republic (2003), Guatemala (2005), Mexico* (2002), Nicaragua (2005), Peru (2004)

Eight members from Western European and other States

Belgium* (2002), Denmark (2003), Germany (2004), Italy* (2002), Netherlands (2004), Turkey* (2002), United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland (2004), United States of America (2003)

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Eleven members are to be elected according to the following pattern:

Three members from African States;
Two members from Asian States;
Two members from Eastern European States;
One member from Latin American and Caribbean States;
Three members from Western European and other States.

* Retiring member.

Commission on Narcotic Drugs

(53 members; four-year term)[a]

Eleven members from African States

Angola (2003), Benin (2003), Burkina Faso (2005), Egypt (2003), Gambia (2005), Libyan Arab Jamahiriya (2003), Mozambique (2003), Nigeria (2005), South Africa (2005), Sudan (2003), Swaziland (2003)

Eleven members from Asian States

China (2005), India (2003), Indonesia (2005), Iran (Islamic Republic of) (2003), Japan (2005), Kazakhstan (2003), Kyrgyzstan (2003), Pakistan (2005), Philippines (2003), Republic of Korea (2003), Thailand (2003)

Six members from Eastern European States

Belarus (2005), Czech Republic (2003) Russian Federation (2005), Slovakia (2003), the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia (2003), Ukraine (2005)

Eleven members from Latin American and Caribbean States

Argentina (2003), Bolivia (2003), Brazil (2003), Colombia (2005), Cuba (2003), Ecuador (2003), Jamaica (2005), Mexico (2005), Nicaragua (2005), Peru (2003), Venezuela (2003)

Fourteen members from Western European and other States

Australia (2005), Austria (2003), Canada (2003), Denmark (2003), France (2003), Germany (2003), Greece (2003), Italy (2003), Netherlands (2005), Portugal (2003), Spain (2005), Turkey (2005), United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland (2005), United States of America (2003)

[a] In accordance with Council resolution 1991/49 of 21 June 1991, one seat rotates between Asian States and Latin American and Caribbean States every four years. The rotating seat was allocated to Latin American and Caribbean States in 1999 for a four-year term beginning 1 January 2000.

Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice

(40 members; three-year term)

Twelve members from African States

Algeria* (2002), Chad (2003), Democratic Republic of the Congo (2003), Egypt* (2002), Morocco* (2002), Nigeria* (2002), Sierra Leone* (2002), South Africa* (2002), Sudan* (2002), Togo (2003), Tunisia* (2002), Zimbabwe (2003)

Nine members from Asian States

India (2003), Indonesia (2003), Iran (Islamic Republic of) (2003), Japan* (2002), Pakistan* (2002), Philippines* (2002), Saudi Arabia (2003), Thailand* (2002), Uzbekistan (2003)

Four members from Eastern European States

Belarus* (2002), Bulgaria (2003), Poland (2003), Russian Federation* (2002)

Eight members from Latin American and Caribbean States

Argentina (2003), Bolivia* (2002), Brazil (2003), Colombia (2003), Costa Rica (2003), Jamaica* (2002), Mexico (2003), Peru* (2002)

Seven members from Western European and other States

Belgium* (2002), Canada* (2002), France (2003), Netherlands (2003), Portugal (2003), Spain* (2002), United States of America (2003)

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Twenty members are to be elected according to the following pattern:

Eight members from African States;
Four members from Asian States;
Two members from Eastern European States;
Three members from Latin American and Caribbean States;
Three members from Western European and other States.

* Retiring member.

Commission on Sustainable Development

(53 members; three-year term: membership of the eleventh session)[a]

Thirteen seats for African States[b]

Egypt (2005), Ghana (2004), Lesotho (2005), Madagascar* (2003), Mali* (2003), Morocco (2004), Nigeria (2004), Senegal (2004), South Africa (2005), Sudan* (2003), Uganda* (2003)

Eleven seats for Asian States

China (2005), India (2004), Indonesia (2004), Iran (Islamic Republic of) (2004), Japan* (2003), Mongolia (2004), Nepal (2005), Pakistan* (2003), Saudi Arabia (2005), Thailand* (2003), Uzbekistan (2005)

Six seats for Eastern European States

Azerbaijan (2005), Belarus* (2003), Croatia (2005), Poland* (2003), Republic of Moldova (2004), Slovenia (2004)

Ten seats for Latin American and Caribbean States

Antigua and Barbuda (2005), Argentina (2005), Bolivia* (2003), Brazil (2004), Costa Rica (2005), Ecuador (2004), Guatemala* (2003), Mexico* (2003), Peru (2005), Venezuela (2004)

Thirteen seats for Western European and other States

Australia* (2003), Austria (2004), Belgium (2005), Canada (2005), France (2004), Germany (2005), Greece* (2003), Iceland (2004), Norway (2005), Switzerland (2004), Turkey (2005), United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland* (2003), United States of America* (2003)

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Sixteen members are to be elected according to the following pattern:

Four members from African States;
Three members from Asian States;
Two members from Eastern European States;
Three members from Latin American and Caribbean States;
Four members from Western European and other States.

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* Retiring member.

[a] In accordance with Council resolution 1997/63, the Council will elect its new members for a three-year term beginning at the organizational meeting of the Commission's twelfth session in 2003 and expiring at the close of the Commission's fourteenth session in the year 2006.

[b] There are two vacancies in this group for members whose terms would begin at the organizational meeting of the Commission's eleventh session in 2002 and expire at the close of the Commission's thirteenth session in 2005.

Commission on Science and Technology for Development

(33 members; four-year term)

Eight members from African States

Algeria (2004), Angola* (2002), Cameroon (2004), Ethiopia* (2002), Ghana (2004), Sierra Leone (2004), Tunisia* (2002), Uganda* (2002)

Seven members from Asian States[a]

China* (2002), Indonesia* (2002), Iran (Islamic Republic of)* (2002), Pakistan* (2002), Philippines (2004), Sri Lanka (2004)

Four members from Eastern European States

Belarus* (2002), Romania* (2002), Russian Federation (2004), Slovakia (2004)

Six members from Latin American and Caribbean States

Bolivia* (2002), Brazil (2004), Colombia* (2002), Grenada (2004), Jamaica (2004), Paraguay* (2002)

Eight members from Western European and other States[b]

Austria (2004), Belgium* (2002), Germany* (2002), Greece* (2002), Portugal* (2002), Spain (2004)

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Seventeen members are to be elected according to the following pattern:

Four members from African States;
Four members from Asian States;
Two members from Eastern European States;
Three members from Latin American and Caribbean States;
Four members from Western European and other States.

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* Retiring member.

[a] There is one vacancy in this group for a member whose term would begin on the date of election and expire on 31 December 2004.

[b] There are two vacancies in this group for members whose terms would begin on the date of election and expire on 31 December 2004.